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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Names Nancy Buechler as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes Volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

Jefferson City- Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced Nancy Buechler of St. Louis as a quarterly winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. As the official Senior Citizen Advocate for the State of Missouri, Lt. Gov. Kinder created the Award to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments that Missouri's senior citizens continually provide their local communities.

Nancy Buechler regularly volunteers for the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, American Lung Association, Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri (CLAIM), and Older Women's League (OWL). Through her volunteer efforts with CLAIM, she has eased the minds of countless seniors by providing health insurance counseling and information to Medicare beneficiaries and their families. Buechler retired from the St. Louis City Health Department after working as a Public Health Educator for twenty years.

"There are thousands of Missourians whose lives are touched by the unselfish work and caring hand of someone like Nancy Buechler," said Kinder. He added, "These acts of kindness go on unnoticed all around us every day. Nancy offers her time and labor back to the community, and I want to bring these stories to the public, so we can all thank her for this work."

Buechler was nominated by Mary Wheeler-Jones with the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging. She said, “We feel very fortunate to have someone of Nancy’s talents and dedication share her retired time assisting the people we serve.”

Nancy Buechler will receive an official declaration from Lt. Gov. Kinder, a Senior Service Award Lapel pin, and special recognition at the State Capitol from Lt. Gov. Kinder.

Nominees for the Senior Service Award must be at least 60 years old and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours over the past year in their community. Senior volunteers can be nominated on a quarterly basis by filling out a brief form available on Lt. Gov. Kinder’s website at www.ltgov.mo.gov. Letters of recommendation must accompany the nomination forms.